Further, DAC is providing 10 per cent of it's Plan Outlay for implementation of various programmes for speedy development of agriculture in the NER. In the Annual Plan 2004-05, out of its Plan Outlay of Rs. 2650.00 crores, DAC has earmarked Rs. 265 crores for the NER as mandated.

Schemes for Jharkhand

†*264. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have some special plan for food processing industries in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds earmarked by Government for this purpose for the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (c) The schemes of the Ministry are project-oriented and not State or area specific. An amount of Rs. 650. crore has been provided in the 10th Five Year Plan for implementation of these schemes in all the States/ UTs including Jharkhand. Promotional measures to encourage development of food processing industries are also taken. A two-day seminar was recently held on 16th and 17th July, 2004 to create awareness of the programmes of the Ministry and encouragement of food processing industries. Plan schemes have already been formulated and financial assistance @ 25% for general and 33.33% for difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore is sanctioned for establishment of food parks which provide common facilities such as power supply, water supply, cold storage/ice plant, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, quality control and analytical laboratories, training/conference facilities etc. Financial assistance is also provided for establishment, modernization and expansion of food processing units @ 25% and 33.33% of costs of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs and Rs. 75 lakhs in general and difficult areas respectively.

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